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## Waddles swap Mississippi for 5,000 miles of Uganda

By Craig Bird

JINJA, Uganda — Not many people go from Mississippi to Uganda by way of Argentina.

Of course, not many people go from Mississippi to Uganda period, at least not to live. But Bill and Nadine Waddle made that move as Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Waddles are from Itawamba County, Miss. He has served as pastor of five churches in Mississippi, including Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada.

Argentina, and the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, were key players in the transition.

"We had always been interested in missions but the real beginning was when I went to Argentina in 1983 with the state Evangelism Department," Waddle explains. Mississippi Baptists had an evangelistic project in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. The couple began serious discussion and prayer about the claim foreign missions might be making on their lives.

As is often the case, timing was everything.

"We had just finished 19 straight years of paying tuition" for their children, Mrs. Waddle says with a laugh. "For the first time in our married life we could go out to eat without budgeting it a month in advance. So here we were talking about being missionaries!"

They spent the first half of 1985 "going through the process" with the Foreign Mission Board and were appointed in August 1985. They arrived in Uganda in January 1986.

Many people wondered — often aloud — why they wanted to go to Uganda. The Waddles admit they chose Uganda as the site for their

work "very reluctantly."

"There were requests from Greece, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Portugal we were really looking at and we quickly put Uganda at the bottom of the pile," Waddle says. "But as we prayed about where God wanted us we kept coming back to Uganda — and at 2 a.m. one January day in 1985 we agreed to tell the Foreign Mission Board Uganda was our first choice."

They arrived in time to watch as Yoweri Museveni, the current president of Uganda, launched a three-day attack to capture the Ugandan capitol of Kampala from the former regime.

"I had broken a tooth on a rock in some rice I was eating the night before," Waddle remembers. "That morning I started into town to the dentist and noticed both lanes on the road were full of people running away from town — the National Resistance Army had arrived!"

He wisely returned to the home of fellow missionaries Larry and Sharon Pumpelly and spent four days dividing his attention between the battle and the throbbing in his jaw.

The fighting disrupted more than a trip to the dentist, however. The Waddles had planned to work in Mbale, a major town in northeastern Uganda, but Museveni's foes retreated in that direction. So the couple was reassigned to Jinja, the industrial capital of the country, located on the shores of Lake Victoria.

"We came over to do church development work in an urban setting and have wound up trying to cover 5,000 square miles," Waddle points out. The area includes 35 churches (they have helped start three new churches and two "preaching points" in the past two years) and two Bible

schools which are training 33 Ugandan pastors. Waddle is principal of both schools.

"The people here are so responsive to God, so hungry to hear what the Bible has to say," he observes.

But new churches are growing rapidly — including one which helped Waddle celebrate his birthday this year by serving him popcorn, bananas, and cassava in a thatched-roof church. The birthday party started after 14 new Christians were baptized in the Nile River as fishermen in dugout canoes watched curiously.

"That was the day we organized Namizi Baptist Church six months after we started a Bible study in that area," the missionary explains. "A 17-year-old boy saw 'Baptist Mission' painted on the door of our truck and chased us down on his bicycle to ask us to come and teach the Bible in his village."

The boy, Richard Mulinda, had become a Christian some time before at Nile Baptist Church in Jinja. But his grandfather did not want him to attend church with the strange Baptists.

"The grandfather even burned Richard's clothes and all his religious literature. But when we happened to drive through the area and he saw us, Richard still invited us to come," Waddle says. Eventually Richard's mother agreed the boy could attend.

And when Waddle stood in the Nile, baptizing the new members of Namizi Baptist Church, he had a very special birthday present. Richard stood beside him, assisting in the ceremony as the first pastor of the brand new church.

## Soviet atheism is facing a crisis

WHEATON, Illinois (EP) — Perestroika and glasnost are not Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's doing, a Russian church leader told delegates at an international conference recently. The reforms that have come to the Soviet Union are the work of God, he said.

"This is God's timing for our country," said Yakov Kuzmich Dukhochenko, superintendent of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

Dukhochenko addressed the participants of the Slavic Gospel Association's international conference in Wheaton, Illinois June 22. Atheism in the Soviet Union is going through a crisis, he said, and the church in the Soviet Union needs help from the West to meet the resulting increase in spiritual hunger. "It is our vision that we want to do as much as we can today, so if the door closes, we will have accomplished something."

Scientific atheism in the Soviet Union is a time of confusion, Dukhochenko said, and atheists are in disagreement over what teaching materials should be published. As a

result, the required scientific atheism course that was previously required in all universities will no longer be offered. Instead, an elective introduction to religion course will include lessons on both atheism and Christianity. Dukhochenko also pointed out that a course on the Bible is already being presented at the University of Kiev by an Orthodox priest.

"[It] has not been settled" what will be taught in elementary and high school-level schools, said Komendant, another Ukrainian pastor. Both Komendant and Dukhochenko appealed for Christians in the West to continue to send Bibles and Christian books to the Soviet church. "Our problem is no longer how to get the literature into the country," Komendant said. "It is now how to get all of the literature that we need and how to get it into the country at a faster pace. We need at least two million more Scriptures for the Ukraine alone."

Dukhochenko was a visitor in Mississippi Baptist churches several years ago.

## Islam could soon become world's dominant religion

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — Islam could soon become the world's dominant religion, a Southern Baptist interfaith witness leader told state evangelism directors at the Southern Baptist Home Missions Conference here.

Gary Leazer, director of the HMB's interfaith witness department, said Muslims could easily become the world's dominant religion by the year 2025.

There are now more than 800 million Muslims worldwide, compared with 1.6 billion Christians worldwide.

"If Muslims continue to grow at their present rate, they will number 5.8 billion in America by the turn of the century and surpass the number of American Jews," Leazer said. There are currently more than four million American Muslims. "This in-

crease is due to Muslims' evangelistic zeal and the fact that Jews do not proselytize and are having more marriages outside their faith."

### Muslims have a strong zeal.

Muslims have a strong zeal to gather followers in all nations, particularly in Christian nations where they are allowed to evangelize alongside other faiths, he added. Evangelism efforts by Christians are outlawed in Muslim countries.

Islam stresses surrender to one God, called Allah. Jesus is one of the six major Muslim prophets, but Muhammad is the last and supreme prophet.

Muslims adhere to the teachings of the Korean.



A NILE RIVER BAPTISM — Missionary Bill Waddle (right) and Richard Mulinda, Ugandan pastor, baptized one of 11 new believers in the Nile River in Uganda. Waddle and his wife, Nadine, work with 35 churches in a 5,000-square-mile area.

The Waddles have helped start these churches and two preaching points. Ugandans are "so responsive to God, so hungry" to hear the gospel, Waddle says. (FMB) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo



CELEBRATION TIME — New churches are growing rapidly in the Lake Victoria area of Uganda where missionaries Bill and Nadine Waddle (left) work. Here the couple join Zephania Kyigenyi and Mary Tibakuna, members of a new congregation, to celebrate Waddle's birthday in a thatched-roof church. The birthday party started after 14 new Christians were baptized in the Nile River as fishermen in dugout canoes watched curiously. (FMB) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## The state's missions

When it comes to missions, there is no greater field than Mississippi. Of course, Baptist people are a greater part of the population perhaps than just about anywhere else on earth, but the lost in Mississippi are just as lost as the lost are in Burkina Faso.

The Season of Prayer for State Missions is a time set aside to urge the members of Mississippi churches to pray for the effectiveness of missions efforts in the state. And the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering is the effort to raise the funds that are necessary to carry on the missions work.

The season of prayer is Sept. 10 to 13.

The goal for the state missions offering is \$567,500.

The offering will be used in a great many ways to spread the message of salvation across the state. The largest figures are set aside for the two youth camps, Central Hills Baptist Retreat and Camp Garaywa. Central Hills is

the camp for boys that is directed by the Brotherhood Department. Garaywa is the camp for girls directed by the Woman's Missionary Union. Both are missions education facilities where young people learn of missions efforts, how to go about carrying out missions efforts, and how to involve themselves in missions efforts. The amount from the budget for each of these camps is \$150,000.

The next largest amount, \$145,000, goes directly into missions work in the funding of new missions.

A \$35,000 figure is earmarked for disaster relief. This takes help to wherever people are hurting because of natural disasters and exhibits a witness to the cup of cold water that Christians figuratively provide for those in need.

Church building aid and pastoral aid have a budget figure of \$30,000. It is used for helping churches that have suffered structural damages to be able to begin putting their buildings

back into shape and for helping churches that need a full-time pastor because of the potential but can't afford to provide for one.

A ministry carried on at Parchman penitentiary has a budget figure of \$20,000. Student work on black campuses has \$15,000. And missions awareness needs will get \$10,000. This is used in preparing program materials.

Set aside for a church starter in Pearl River Association will be \$7,500, and special ministries will get \$5,000. This will be divided with \$3,200 going for work with Choctaw Indians and \$1,800 going for work with National Baptists.

These financial needs are just as real of those financed through the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions deserves the support of all Mississippi Baptists.



## Guest opinion . . . Witnessing in Las Vegas

By Jack Stack

*Note: This piece came in originally in July as a letter to the editor, but it was much too long for that. The writer was contacted with the information that, while it was too long for a letter, it was felt that the message needed to be read. We told him we would work it in later as a guest opinion, and here it is. — Editor*

I want to share with Mississippi Baptists what a blessing I received by going to our convention in Las Vegas. Frankly, I had voted against this site. I had never been to this city and had no desire to go; but you know, God gives these godly, praying wives spiritual discernment. She insisted that I go. I have been to many conventions, but this came nearer being what I believe the Lord intends for his people and churches to be doing.

I had the privilege of attending West Oakey Baptist Church on Sunday. They have three morning worship services, 500 in Sunday School. I had no idea that there was such a live wire, loving, soul-winning church in Las Vegas. As we sat down for the morning service, the only vacant seat in the building was beside me.

After the service had started, a nice looking, well-dressed Mexican came in and sat by me.

When Brother Bailey Smith got up to preach, he said his text was from 2 Chronicles 7:14; and he said to get the Bible from the pew in front and follow. The man to the right made no move, so I realized that he wasn't a missionary or a preacher. I reached over and got the Bible and opened it and pointed to the scripture. At the end of the service, they gave an extended invitation with heads bowed, eyes closed, and singing "Just As I Am." I thought I heard a low snuffle after the invitation.

We sat down, and they were taking up the church offering. I felt the

leadership of the Holy Spirit and turned to the man and put my arm around him and said, "Sir, are you a Christian? Do you know my Jesus?" He said, "No"; and he further said, "I hadn't intended to come in here, but I heard the music, and I was strongly drawn." I said to him that this is no accident that out of the billions of people on earth you are here and the only vacant seat was by me. Would you like for me to tell you how to become a Christian?

He said yes.

I took my little personal workers testament and went over the plan of salvation. I asked if he would like for me to introduce him to my friend, Jesus, and he said yes. He prayed the sinners prayer with me, tears streaming down his face.

When he got through, we embraced. The joy was right from heaven on his face. He signed his name in the testament and dated it the day he received Christ. We didn't even realize it, but all the visiting preachers and their wives were praying for us as I was witnessing.

I found he lived in El Paso but was to be in Las Vegas for six months. He was in charge of the construction of a big plant there. I gave his name and telephone number to the pastor so they could take him under the watch care of the church.

The day before I left Las Vegas, I called him at 6:50 a.m., and said, "Good morning, Alberto." The minute I said his name he said, "Good morning, Jack." I said that I didn't want to leave without telling you that I love you and I will pray for you everyday. Alberto said, "OK Jack, I love you. I thank you, and I will carry you with me wherever I go." He had my business card in his little testament that I gave him.

I rejoice that Brother Larry Lewis,

our Home Missions president set us up to follow the Jesus plan of going out two by two and knocking on doors of over 120,000 homes, passing out the Word and seeing over 400 professions of faith and finding 15,000 prospects for the churches there. What struck me was that it wasn't "liberals" or "conservatives," even though they were there and going out together. It was soldiers of the cross carrying out the King's command to seek and save that which was lost. There was no split down the middle. There was unity in the spirit and purpose.

I am looking forward to having this experience next year in New Orleans and in every convention in the future. I believe when we major on our calling, whatever little differences someone might think there are will disappear in the mission of love he has given us.

Jack Stack is an oil producer based in Meridian.

If you have a dollar, spent fifty cents for bread and fifty cents for a hyacinth. — Oriental Proverb

## Baptist beliefs . . .

## The fall of man

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden." — Genesis 3:23

The first sin was not committed in a slum but in a paradise. In both Hebrew and Greek the same verb may mean to test or to tempt, depending upon the one doing it. God permitted Eve and Adam to be tested to prove them genuine. Satan tempted

them to prove them false.

God permitted our original parents to eat of all trees in Eden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16-17). The penalty for eating it would be death, eventually physical, immediately spiritual (separation from God).

Note the serpent's temptation. First, it questioned God's goodness in forbidding the one tree (3:1). Then

basic of programs. His salary needs to be adequate and the annuity paid for him in addition to that.

Many times pastors serve without annuity provisions and live in church-provided homes. Their salaries reflect the fact that the church is providing the home. On retirement they have no home and not enough of an income to provide for one.

These conditions are not adequate. The scriptures have a great deal to say about making provisions for the workers.

Churches should not be negligent in this respect.

It is not fair to either the church nor the minister for a church to try to provide a ministry which it cannot afford. That is to say that a church should take care of its ministers.

Scripture would tell the pastor to not be concerned about his own well-being but rather to be active in promoting the well-being of the church — nurturing and witnessing.

That places the responsibility on the members.

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## Mali seed project

In January, the Mississippi Agricultural Missions Fellowship received a need request from Mali. Mike Krahwinkel, (pictured center) agricultural missionary in Kenieba, Mali, needed a ton of seed to use in helping the people there improve crops for food. His brother, a veterinarian in Tennessee, had contacted the National Fellowship and was referred to Mississippi as the best place to receive help. In March the seed was shipped. Included in the crate was rice, corn, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, and mixed garden varieties. The seed had been secured under the leadership of Mississippi Baptists Don Blasingame, Tommy Kennedy, Larry Cox, Bobby Redding, and Dennis Wilson. Funds came from several church and agricultural mission groups from across the state. In late June the seed arrived in Mali, and many seeds are already in the fields of village farmers. Others were planted on test plots at the mission. Mike related in his newsletter that it warmed the heart to have such support from the United States for the people with whom he is working.

## MBCB approves budget, names Kelly emeritus

By Tim Nicholas

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board last week approved the proposed 1990 Cooperative Program budget of \$19.1 million and named the auditorium at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly for Earl Kelly, retired executive director-treasurer of the board.

The budget, which was previously approved by the MBCB Executive Committee and must be approved by the convention meeting in November, is nearly \$1 million less than that of 1989. A \$1 million shortfall for 1989 is expected. That amount, plus 2.5 percent, is \$19,581,130, which was determined to be a realistic budget for 1990.

The Gulfshore auditorium was officially named the Earl Kelly Center of Christian Learning. All of the rebuilding of Gulfshore which was destroyed in 1969 by Hurricane Camille, was done during Kelly's tenure as executive director. The board voted to have a litany of dedication for the newest wing of Gulfshore placed in bronze and hung inside the

auditorium. Mrs. Earl (Marjorie) Kelly, wrote the litany which was offered at the dedication earlier this year.

Cost of a sign for the auditorium and the bronzed litany was estimated to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Kelly was further honored by being named by the board as executive director-treasurer emeritus, an honorary title. No stipend accompanies the title.

In other business, the board continued employment of Peat Marwick as board auditor for next year; approved a missions partnership with Illinois Baptists; approved a number of legal changes in the annuity agreement with the Annuity Board, none of which, it was reported, were substantive; and voted to "work toward" accumulating a reserve board restricted fund of \$1 million. The current fund balance has around \$800,000 at the present.

In addition, the Executive Committee (Continued on page 7)

## MissionsFest invites look at foreign missions

By Tim Nicholas

Mississippi is hosting a festival on Christian foreign missions, Sept. 8-9, in Jackson, topped off with a special service in the Jackson city auditorium.

The event, called MissionsFest, is designed to tell the story of how Southern Baptists conduct Christian missions overseas. There will be pageantry, inspiration, and basic information on the enterprise which employs nearly 3,000 missionaries in 110 countries.

R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, based in Richmond, Va., will be featured speaker along with 40 Southern Baptist career missionaries who are in the States on furlough from 22 foreign countries.

The missionaries will talk about life overseas and will participate in a missions rally.

The program begins at 5 p.m., Sept. 8, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, with a "global walkaround" featuring the missionaries. The missions rally begins at 7:30 at First Baptist with a flag procession led by Mississippi youths. Bill O'Brien, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, will be speaker for the rally.

The next morning Parks will speak at the church at 9 o'clock on "Missions: The Bible's Central Theme."

From 10 a.m. and through the afternoon there will be conferences with such topics as "Being a Great Commission Church," led by Mississippi native and FMB staffer, Lewis Myers.

Other topics include "Dollars for the World," "Exploring Career Service," "New Directions in Missions," "Nurturing the Future Missionary," and a film festival.

Also on Saturday, there will be a special day camp for children in grades 1-6. The day camp will take place at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church at the corner of State and High Streets. It opens at 7:45 a.m. and closes at 5 that afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

A preschool nursery will be provided for all but the Saturday evening program. The service will be provided Friday evening beginning at 4:30, and again on Saturday from 7:45 a.m. till 5 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary for either the missions day camp or the child care.

Saturday evening, a special service will take place at the Jackson City Auditorium at 7 p.m. It will include testimonies of the missionaries and a time of re-commissioning for the missionaries to return to their fields of service.

The weekend program is co-sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Missionaries listed below are furloughing in Mississippi unless stated otherwise.

Brazil and the Caribbean: Edward and Freda Trott, North Brazil.

Spanish South America: Jason and Susan Carlisle, Uruguay, furloughing in Louisiana; Louisiana: Rodrick and Caroline Conerly, Peru; Al and Emily Green, Argentina.

Middle America and Canada: Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Honduras.

Eastern and Southern Africa: Roger and Beverly Swann, Tanzania; Randall and Kittie Trail, Rwanda, furloughing in Louisiana.

West Africa: Diane (DP) Smith, Ivory Coast.

East Asia: Randy Hicks, Japan, furloughing in Alabama; Glenn and Pauline Morris, Hong Kong; Robert and Nan Sugg, Taiwan.

South Asia and the Pacific: Dr. Rebekah Naylor, India, furloughing in Texas; Floy Smith, Philippines; James M. and Guinevere Young, Bangladesh.

Europe: John and Sarah Perkins, France, furloughing in Louisiana; Dennis and Judith Hale, Spain, furloughing in Alabama.

Winfield and LaVerne Applewhite, Indonesia; Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, Mexico; Raymond and Ann Kolb, Brazil; Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, Greece; David and Ollie Mayhall, West Africa; Charles and Indy Whitten, Equatorial Guinea.

Missionary kids: William (Billy) Moseley, South Brazil; Mrs. Gwendolyn Hights, Philippines; Glenn Davis, Philippines.

## HMB trustees want more selection involvement

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board trustees will become more personally involved in recommending future personnel as a result of a new process adopted in their August board meeting.

A recommendation that board members be sent "reference forms" on individuals from their states being considered as missionaries, board staff, and chaplains prompted the most debate during the meeting. The motion moved the trustees a step closer in the hiring process.

Carolyn Byrd of Charlotte, N.C., opposed the change, expressing fear that letters from board members would be given too much weight in the approval process.

Johnny Jackson of Little Rock, Ark., chairman of the board's personnel committee, said the administrative committee had considered that aspect but was trying to respond to desires of board members who want more involvement in the selection process.

Board Chairman Ralph Smith of Austin, Texas, cautioned trustees only to respond to reference forms on candidates they knew personally and to avoid hearsay.

Ron Phillips of Hixson, Tenn., pointed out board members would be legally liable for their comments. "If we do this, let's be careful we do it with the utmost integrity," he cautioned.

Board President Larry Lewis said all reference letters on personnel are treated with confidence. Direct quotes, without attribution, are included in personnel files, but the reference forms are shredded after analysis, he said.

In other actions, trustees appointed 90 missionaries, approved allocations totalling \$41 million for possible use of income from the 1990 Annie Armstrong Offering and heard a report that 1989 Annie Armstrong receipts may reach \$32.8 million by the end of the year.

Jim Newton writes for the HMB.

## Baptists give \$1.7 million

Mississippi Baptists gave \$1,779,244 to missions causes through the Cooperative Program in August, according to an announcement by Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

That amount, plus what was given January through July, totals \$12,680,801 or \$169,718 more than that given in the same period of 1988.

The original budget, approved by the convention last November, expected a pro rata amount of \$13,402,361 for January through August. That would place budget income at \$721,560 behind.

However, the convention board last week approved officially cutting the 1989 budget by \$1 million to \$19,103,541. Even with the new budget, the pro rata amount up to the end of August is still \$54,985 behind.

Church gifts through the Cooperative Program go to Mississippi and worldwide missions, leader training, and Christian education causes.



# Silver Creek celebrates 175th Atwood is new

By Helen Pigott

Silver Creek Church, Pike County, will be celebrating its 175th birthday on the weekend of Sept. 23 and 24. The church was constituted in the month of March on the east side of Silver Creek near the present day site of Mount Hermon, La.

Little is known about the first two years, but it is known that problems developed and the church split into two parts. The surviving part known as "Elam" was re-constituted in 1816 and took the name of Silver Creek.

The church was moved to its pre-

sent site in 1839, when the church purchased 40 acres of land from the U.S. Land Office in Washington, Miss., for \$40.

The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 23 with old-fashioned games for both the children and adults. At noon on Saturday, sandwiches will be served in the fellowship hall. The church will honor all former living pastors with a reception from 2 to 4 in the fellowship hall. The day will end with an old-fashioned singing from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Sunday activities will begin at

10 a.m. with a worship service honoring the former pastors. At 12 lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The afternoon service will be an historical one. There will be a brief review of the church history and many former leaders of the church will be recognized. The highlight of the afternoon service will be the presentation of a 175-year certificate from the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission.

Helen Pigott is church historian.

## Atwood is new associate at USM BSU

Dennis Atwood, 27, is the new associate director for the Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi. Approved by the MBCB's Executive Committee, Atwood will begin work Jan. 1, 1990.

The Jackson native is completing work on a master of divinity degree from New Orleans, expecting

to graduate in December. He is a graduate of Mississippi College.

He has been minister to college students since Aug. 1988 at University Church, Baton Rouge. He was assistant and then interim minister to students at First Church, Jackson, June 1986 to Aug. 1987. From 1985-86 he was minister of youth at Northside Church, Clinton. And he was associate BSU director at MC from 1985-87.

Atwood was a BSU summer missionary to Uganda in 1984 and to Morocco in 1985. He served on a partnership evangelism team to Sweden in 1982. And he was BSU president at MC while a student there.

## Pike, Plett to lead at Gulfshore for Sunday School



Pike

Plett

Final preparation is being made for the Sept. 15-16 Sunday School Leadership Conference at Gulfshore, according to Larry Salter of the Sunday School Department.

Two of the featured leaders are Freddie Pike, Sunday School director for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and LaVern Plett, consultant in the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The conference is designed to offer leadership training for preschool, children, youth, adult, and general officer workers. Also, a conference for the deaf and deaf leadership is offered.

This is an excellent opportunity for churches to gather for training to help them begin the new Sunday School year with a vision and challenge of reaching and teaching persons in their community with the word of God," said Salter. Basic Sunday School skills will be taught along with emphasis on inspiration and outreach.

Reservations can be made by calling Gulfshore at 452-7261.

## Retired missionary Culpepper dies

TYLER, Texas — Retired Southern Baptist missionary Ola Culpepper, who promoted women's ministries in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan for nearly 42 years, died early Aug. 29 at a nursing home here. She was 93.

## Singles area meetings: "Bonded . . ."

"Bonded Together in Love — Singles Building Relationships" — the theme book for the Annual Labor Day gathering of Single Adults will be taught in nine locations in September according to J. Clark Hensley, single adult consultant."

Each of the day's sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and close shortly after lunch. Registration fee payable at the door is \$2.50 for materials and refreshments. Participants may bring a sack lunch or go out at lunch time. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided at each meeting place.

Area 2 will meet on Sept. 16 at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Joe Armour, minister to singles, First, Tupelo, as the study leader.

Area 7 will meet at First Church, Brookhaven; Jeff Swedenburg, minister of single adults, First Church, Hazlehurst, as study leader and coordinator; Joe and Kathy Davis, Brookhaven, contact persons. All the other area meetings will be held on Sept. 23.

Area 1, Clarksdale, Clarksdale Church; Rusty Holcomb, Oxford; Helen Johnson, Clarksdale, coor-

dinator; Rose and Dwain Edlin, Clarksdale, contact persons.

Area 3; First Church, Grenada, Dionne Williams, First Church, Greenville, leader, with Sue Frothingham, Greenville, coordinator; contact person — Virginia Fulton, First Church, Fulton.

Area 4, First Church, Columbus; Mrs. Jackie C. (Barbara) Hamilton, West Point, study leader; contact person — Tom Pelphrey, First Church, Columbus.

Area 5, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Duane McDaniel, Parkway, coordinator, contact person — Randy Millwood, Broadmoor, Jackson; study leader, Neil Grantham, Pineview Church, Clinton.

Area 6, First Church, Newton; with James M. Lewis, Meridian, study leader; Beverly Hardin, Forest, and Ron McGee, Meridian, coordinators; contact person — Polly Lindsey, First Church, Newton.

Area 8, First Church, Columbia; Gloria Farmer, Hattiesburg, study leader; Kathy Vail, Hattiesburg, coordinator, contact person — Wayne Ward or Alane Limerick.

Area 9, First Church, Pascagoula; Dodie Williams, Gulf Coast family counselor, study leader; T. J. Wells, Gautier, coordinator; Ethel Louise Trehern, Pascagoula, local contact person.

## Panola will sponsor meets with Rachel Coe

Rachel Coe, editor of preschool curriculum materials at the Sunday School Board in Nashville, will visit in the Panola Baptist Association, Sept. 22-24.

Coe will visit with pastors and staff on Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., at Sardis First Church. The next morning at 9 she will meet with all preschool workers in the Family Life Center of

First Church, Batesville. The purpose of these sessions is to receive feedback at the local level about the degree to which the literature is meeting, or not meeting, the needs of teachers and pupils. Coe will also be visiting in the preschool departments of First Church, Batesville, and First Church, Sardis, during the Sunday School and Discipleship Training hours respectively.

When she was approached about the Sunday School Board's request, Joan Brasher, Sunday School Preschool department director of Batesville, First, remarked, "It seems like a wonderful opportunity to me."



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# Home missions volunteers log thousands of miles to serve

By Tim Nicholas

A group of Mississippi Christian young people traveled a total of 200,000 miles this summer proclaiming the gospel message in Montana and Utah. That's 8,000 miles for each of the 25 members of the group.

The group calls itself "The Proclaimers" and their director, Don Blackwell, a 20 year veteran of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, teaches the volunteers "to be very flexible."

They trek across the country each summer to lead in Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Clubs, revivals, church repairs, and recently, in a Salt Lake City church, they resodded the churchyard.

A lot of the witness is to people of the Mormon faith. One Mormon girl came to a volleyball fellowship in Salt Lake City. Says Proclaimer Lisa Austin, "That girl left weeping because we were so deceived and were going to hell."

Each June the volunteers spend about 24 days traveling among churches in the Northwest. They carry their own food and camping equipment, pulling two trailers. This summer they took six cases of Bibles to give away. One vehicle was just retired at 265,000 miles. This summer they worked at Crow Agency and Darby, Montana, and at Payson and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Blackwell has been leading the trips for 20 years, making 49 of them so far. A total of 19 Baptist churches in Mississippi have representatives in the group of 26 young people and five adults. He began the group after a lay mission effort to Missoula, Montana. He returned home telling of his experiences, encouraging others to go back with him. They did.

And when they aren't going, they're telling. "Forty weekends out of 52 are committed to promoting home missions in the U.S.," says Blackwell, a

member of First Church, Magee. The Proclaimers are "actively involved in their churches," says Blackwell. "We don't try to steal them from the churches."

Lisa Austin, a member of Colonial Heights Church in Jackson, teaches math at Madison-Ridgeland Academy. She's been a member of the group since 1977 when she was 14. "It's a calling of mine . . . as long as there are lost people there." She feels she's lucky to be able to have summers off to travel with the group. She says she's taught a 13-year old the song "Jesus Loves Me," another child asked her where Jesus lives in his town, and she's seen a child beaten for wanting to go to Vacation Bible School. "You can never give more love than you get back," she says. "The Lord always blesses me more for my efforts."

David Dennis, a member of Monticello Church, got involved when the Proclaimers sang there three years ago. He was 12, three years younger than his sister who was involved. "I wasn't a Christian then. I saw a big change in her and I got involved," he says.

Lives change in a variety of ways. One couple, now members of First Church, Magee, met on a trip. They married and have two daughters.

The ministry isn't simply hit and run. They work toward lasting relationships. At Payson, Utah, missionary Don Caruthers is pastor of a church with seven members. Only one other Christian church is in that town, says Blackwell.

The Proclaimers worked in that storefront church this summer, cleaning it out and promising \$100 per month to pay for rent on the building. Even the parents get involved in more than financial and prayer aid.

Blackwell and eight of the Proclaimers' parents are returning today

from Payson where they have been painting, paneling, and wiring the Baptist chapel and building a bathroom for it.

Come Thanksgiving week, the college-age Proclaimers will trek across country making plans for next summer's jaunt. For now there is plenty to do. When the Proclaimers

left Utah this summer, they left seven churches wanting them to come help next year.

The results for David Dennis are clear: "What I see in this is a chance for me to grow as much as the people we're witnessing to." The group holds Bible studies each night of their trips. He adds, "I'll be there till God throws me somewhere else."

## Pieces of Dead Sea Scrolls hidden

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) — Nearly 400 pieces known as the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient scripts uncovered in a cave in 1947, have yet to be released. Scholars are demanding that they be released as soon as possible or "there is a real danger that some of the scroll fragments are deteriorating so rapidly that if the outside world cannot see them soon, it may never be able to see them," wrote Hershel Shanks, editor of the *Biblical Archaeology Review*, in an article which appeared in that publication.

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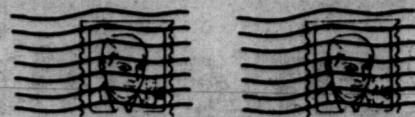


Proclaimers hold a Backyard Bible Club at Payson, Utah.





# Letters to the editor



## Concerned about rumors

Editor:

I am concerned about the rumors that fly thick and fast throughout our convention that are to the effect that Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Seminary, will be the next target of the fundamentalist faction (led by Paul Pressler). All eyes will be on the October meeting of trustees, which will be only a month away by the time this letter can be published.

I urge all alumni of the school to write a letter of support for Dr. Dilday to the state trustees of Southwestern Seminary. I feel much safer trusting in the will of ex-students from Southwestern than in the spirit of Paul Pressler and his followers.

There is little dissatisfaction among Southwestern alumni with Dr. Dilday. Any attempt to remove him would be a contrivance of the worst sort, designed to extend the power of the fundamentalists over more of our denominational life.

Let us call a spade a spade. And may Baptists rise up everywhere and refuse to let an articulate spokesman and friend of theological education be controlled by the spirit of one who does not know what theological education is all about.

Giving at Southeastern Seminary has diminished seriously. It could go to zero if alumni support is ignored at Southwestern also.

Jerry Vardaman  
Starkville

The Mississippi representative on the Southwestern Seminary Board of Trustees is Bartis Harper, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown. I am sure that he would be happy to hear from Southwestern alumni. — Editor

## No false teaching

Editor:

Please allow me to respond to a letter written by David Grisham, Wiggins, which was published in the August 24 issue of the Baptist Record.

Mr. Grisham expressed concern over a phrase which was used at the

National Acteens Convention, which met in July in San Antonio. Mildred McWhorter, long-time home missionary working in the ghettos of Houston, Texas, was quoted as saying to the 13,000 Acteens and their leaders, "You're part God..." Mr. Grisham's letter indicated that he believes that this was a cultic statement which is widely used by the New Age Movement.

I have carefully watched and listened to the video tape of Miss McWhorter's message in which "You're part God" was used. Her entire sentence was, "You're part God, aren't you, if you say you have Jesus Christ in your heart, you're part God, aren't you?"

Miss McWhorter's closing comments to the group were "You know you aren't God, and I know that I'm not God. But if we're like him at all, it will be because we let him have first place in our lives; and the best thing I know to say to you girls is that if you haven't invited Him into your heart, please do so tonight. And if you have invited Him in, then say, 'Jesus, what would you have me do with my life, because if there is any harmony in my life, it'll have to come from you' — and you'll be okay."

I thank Mr. Grisham very much for his concern that our girls not be led away from the scripture and for expressing his feelings in a forthright manner. We can all be quite confident that those in attendance at the National Acteens Convention (1,100 plus of whom were Mississippi girls and women) were NOT exposed to false teachings.

Marjean Patterson  
Executive Director  
Mississippi WMU

## Returning to roots

Editor:

This is in response to Mr. Robert Leigh's letter in your Aug. 17 edition. Not only do I believe that God, not Paul, wrote the Bible and that it is relevant for today; but I also take extreme exception to Mr. Leigh's statement that "the woman today has been

elevated from 'kitchen and children chores' to professional jobs..." No "professional job" can compare to the joy and fulfillment of motherhood. Watching the nest become empty is tough, but it's even tougher for mothers who have to look back and realize that someone else (i.e., day

care centers) had the high privilege of rearing their children. This is a confession.

One has to wonder, in light of such Scriptures as Deut. 6:6-7, if it is even right for missionaries to put their children in boarding schools and go off to the other side of the world to

minister to someone else's children. Surely foreign mission boards would do well to assign missionaries with children to less dangerous areas and to encourage the use of Christian correspondence schools as opposed to

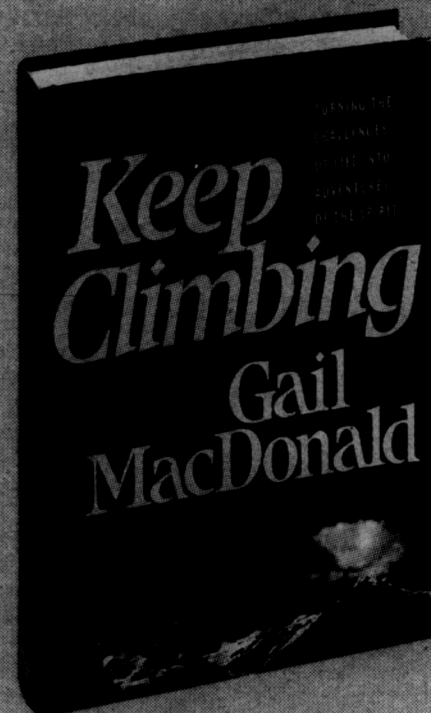
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## Devotional

# Are you neglecting your home?

By R. B. Moore

A house owner in Michigan had been away from his house for several years. Upon his return to Detroit, he discovered his five-bedroom dwelling had disappeared. He was totally shocked to find a vacant lot where his house once stood. The Detroit Free Press investigated in an effort to solve the mystery about the missing house.

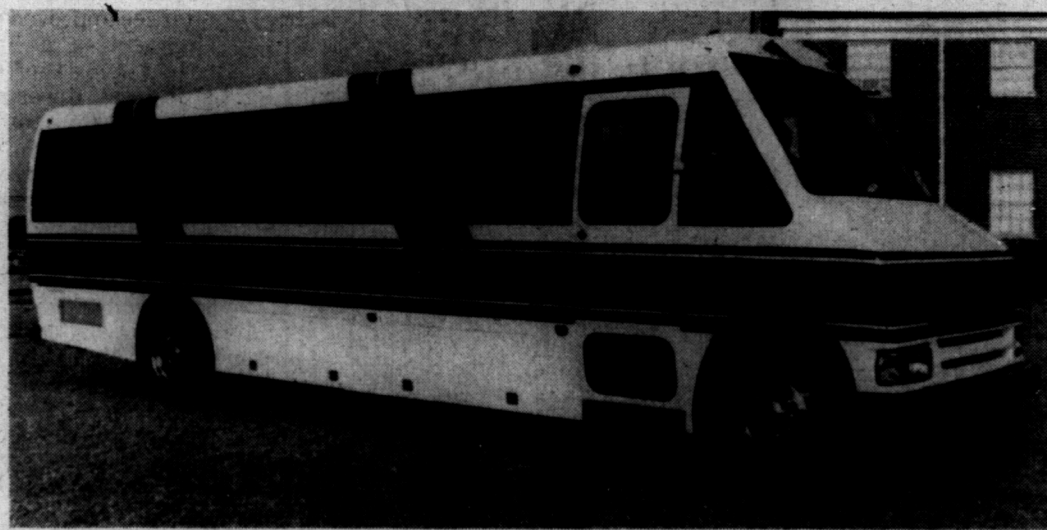
It was learned that the owner had left the city without leaving a forwarding address. Plus, he failed to hire someone to maintain the property during the absence. Therefore, the house was demolished because of a city ordinance that called for the removal of neighborhood eyesores. Because of the owner's neglect to maintain his house, he experienced an expensive loss.

Many people lose their families for the same reason — negligence. In the Old Testament, Eli neglected to restrain his sons from evil and it cost all three of them their lives. "The man who brought the news replied "... Also your two sons, Hephni and Phineas, are dead, and the Ark of God has been captured. When he mentioned the Ark of God, Eli fell backward off his chair by the side of the gate. His neck was broken, and he died..." (I Samuel 4:17-18, NIV). Because Eli neglected to discipline his sons, his relationship on earth with them was permanently severed.

Probably, your house will not be demolished while you are away. But you may one day discover your home — your family — is disintegrating because of your neglect. Commit yourself to investing the necessary love, energy, time, and money to hopefully maintain unity in your family.

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## Baptism at Glorieta

Mark Mitchum, minister of music and youth at Austin (Texas) Baptist Church of the Deaf, prays in sign language after baptizing Janice Hottle in the prayer garden fountain at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center. Hottle, who is deaf, made a profession of faith during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf at Glorieta in July. She requested to be baptized at Glorieta rather than waiting more than a week to be baptized at the Texas church. After conferring with the church and conference center director Larry Haslam, Mitchum agreed to perform the baptism. Haslam said a few other people had been baptized at the conference center, mainly in the lake, without getting permission. This is the first known baptism at Glorieta performed under the authority of a local church and with the permission of the conference center staff, he said. The conference center is operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board, and the deaf group is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. (BP photo by Mark Sandlin)

## The fall of man

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God, not "gods"). Man is made a little lower than God. He sins when he tries to be God.

Verse 6 shows the areas in which the serpent tempted Eve, physical appetite, aesthetic nature, and ambition. All temptations fall in these categories. So she ate of the forbidden fruit and gave it to Adam, who ate it. Satan had to use his wiles to get Eve to sin. All that was necessary for Adam to sin was for Eve to offer the forbidden fruit to him. His was the greater sin.

After pronouncing judgment on the serpent, Eve, and Adam (vv. 14-19), God drove the couple from the garden lest they eat of the tree of life and live forever (v. 22). Actually this was judgment tempered with mercy. When man sinned, his body became subject to disease, suffering, and aging. Suppose in such condition we could not die but become ever progressively worse. It would be hell on earth. Even so, the greatest penalty is in the separation of the soul with God. For "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

Herschel Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.

## Carey BSU names council members

Members of the BSU council at William Carey College are Cindy Rachel, Gretna, La., president; Rusty Thomaston, Gautier, vice president; Darren Miley, Crystal Springs, mission chair; Tim Moran, Pascagoula, community missions; Tina Williams, Pascagoula, discipleship (dorm Bible study); Amy Matthews, Columbus, fellowship chair; Janie Vaudiner, Tupelo, churchmanship; Charlotte DeLoach, Laurel, Baptist Young Women; Donna Lewallen, Pascagoula, newsletter editor; and Kevin Cooper, Morton, noonday and Tuesday evening program chair. Frank Bowers is BSU director.

## Golf tournament set for ministers

A golf tournament for Mississippi ministers will take place Sept. 14-15 at the Brookwood Country Club in Jackson.

Organizer Charles Nikolic, organizer for the Hinds-Madison Association which is sponsoring the tourney, said the fee is \$45 for two days of golf and a barbeque banquet. For details, contact Nikolic at 362-8676 or 373-8119.

# BMT launch day is October 1

Oct. 1 has been designated as Bold Mission Thrust Launch Day, 1989-90. This is the current phase of the Southern Baptist effort to present the gospel message to all the world by the end of the century.

This phase is being called by promoters "A Year for Hope." Materials call for church "opportunities for prayer, praise, Bible study, and proclamation to give the people of God a sense of hope and commitment for 1989-90."

The year will include the Spring of 1990 simultaneous revivals called "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You."

Other goals include having 10 million persons enrolled in Bible study by September of 1990, and involving 20,000 churches in Lay Evangelism Schools.

## MBCB approves budget, names Kelly emeritus

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tee reported to the board that it had approved a request from executive director-treasurer Bill Causey for the business advisory committee of the Executive Committee to take on a new responsibility. Causey wants that group to join with a volunteer group of accountants to review all convention agency audits yearly. The review by the volunteers had been done for several years. This group will report to the Executive Committee which will communicate any questions about the audits to agency chiefs.

Causey reported to the board a plan that is in the works which will begin to get William Carey College out of debt. It involves Carey asking the Education Commission to send Carey's monthly proportion of education funds directly to a lending institution.

Board president Donald O'Quinn named members of the committee on board organization. That group will assign board members to the various committees. Rex Yancey will be chair. Others are Tommy Tutor, J.R. Dudley, Gayle Alexander, and Jimmy Harrington.

Meeting earlier in the day, the Executive Committee approved renovation and shipment of a backhoe-ditchdigger for \$4,076.28 for Central Hills Baptist Retreat. It was donated by Wise Equipment Company.

The committee also approved a two percent cost of living raise for Bill Causey, and up to one percent merit increase on his anniversary — the same as approved in the budget for MBCB employees. Causey is employed directly by the board. And the committee approved Hal Bates of Amory to replace Sonny Mills on the board. Mills moved from the association.

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# Letters From Carey

No. 6-89

BY JIM EDWARDS  
Interim President

**"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 KJV**

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—Jane Talbert

English instructor at Carver School in Tupelo and teacher/consultant with the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute

Choosing quality faculty members like Jane Talbert is one of the ways Tony Pascale gets positive results for "his students" in the Military Affairs program at William Carey College. The logistics of teaching students who are involved professionally in our country's military programs and national defense are often extremely challenging. The men and women enrolled in William Carey College's program for the Mississippi National Guard Program are no exceptions. They are also one of the most satisfying groups to teach, especially when the teacher can see life changing results happen because of his or her efforts. Tony Pascale speaks of those results with great pride. When he does, it's obvious he knows what he's talking about. Tony can also elaborate on the positive cash flow the National Guard Program generates to support other needs at William Carey.

Working on an undergraduate degree from 6 to 10 years requires an incredible amount of commitment. That long time frame is the rule rather than the exception for the people who serve our nation or state as professional military personnel. A typical semester of an academic year is usually interrupted one or more times, often unexpectedly, by military personnel having to leave their current geographical assignment to go elsewhere to serve a greater need. Trying to complete the term papers, tests, and other assignments under such circumstances — for even one or two courses — is often a frustrating experience for these students. It is exceedingly difficult to finish an entire degree if one is always in transition. Incomplete grades, changes in textbooks, and adaptation to new faculty members are some of the frustrating obstacles that frequently face military personnel who are striving to improve their educational background and professional expertise.

When the military program began at William Carey College in the Fall of 1985, there were approximately 365 commissioned officers in the Mississippi National Guard who lacked the required college credit to maintain their commission. Since that time significant progress has been made, and over 300 of those officers have now met this civilian education requirement through the Carey military program. The pace of success for the program has been set by the 15 men and women who graduated proudly in 1989 as our first class.

Approximately 350 people were enrolled in Carey's National Guard Program in more than a dozen locations in Mississippi during the 1988-89 academic year. One of the officer leaders, Captain David Bullock, speaks of the degree to which the Carey faculty are committed to the needs of the total person, whether he or she is 18 or 38 years of age.

"The adult education program offered by William Carey College to members of the Mississippi National Guard provides a unique opportunity for our military personnel. Because of the increased levels of technology associated with the equipment used in today's military, it is becoming more important that our soldiers possess a higher level of civilian education. With William Carey's satellite military programs, we are afforded the opportunity to better meet this challenge. The professional and Christian atmosphere of the courses has proven to be effective for our needs. William Carey College and the Military Affairs Office has worked extra hard to ensure that the curriculum provided is geared toward our particular requirements. Without this program, it would be almost impossible for most of our personnel to continue their civilian education."

—David Bullock  
Captain MS ARNG

During the next few weeks Tony Pascale will again be crisscrossing our State directing the Fall Term activities and class schedules for the National Guard Program offered by William Carey College. Congratulate him for the successful results he always achieves. Also, take time to thank our National Guard personnel, and spiritually by enrolling in the Military Affairs Program offered throughout the State by William Carey College.

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—Emil Pav, Jr., 1973, 1975

Superintendent, Lamar County Schools

The graduate programs at William Carey were started in 1972 and approximately 1800 degrees have been awarded, nearly 90 percent of which have been in teacher education fields. The other major graduate programs have been in business administration and music. Dr. Hugh Dickens has impacted positively the graduate education program far more than any other individual in the history of the College.

Hugh Dickens has invested the best years of his long professional career in Christian education at William Carey College. As a Vice President, Director of Graduate Education, and faculty member his commitment to the College goals has been extraordinarily high. It seemed as though every time I looked up this Summer, Hugh Dickens was starting another class for graduate students in teacher education. The results of his efforts have been the same for years — meeting the needs of more teachers and generating significant positive cash flows for the College.

Investing in a Christian context in the education of other teachers can often have eternal results. Each student who is inspired and grows professionally and spiritually because of the efforts of faculty members like Hugh Dickens will usually go on to inspire and teach others. The long-term effects stretch across generation after generation. The William Carey College family and our many constituents should say a long overdue thanks to Hugh for the eternal results that his investment and commitment have wrought for much of South Mississippi for nearly two decades.

### "Special Services For Special People"

Brenda Waldrip directs one of the most important areas of student support of the Hattiesburg campus — The Special Services Program. She impresses people immediately with her sensitivity to the uniqueness of each student and strong commitment to bringing out the positive elements in a person as he or she strives to learn in a Christian environment.

The Special Services Program was started at William Carey in 1974 and has had a positive impact on a minimum of 150 to 225 students each year. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and provides services designed to aid first generation, disabled, and low income students in their efforts to complete post-secondary degree programs.

Gloria Jackson is a 25-year old minority female who entered William Carey and Student Support Services as a freshman in the Summer of 1987. Gloria enrolled at Carey after she was injured while on the job and was unable to continue with her duties. Vocational Rehabilitation benefits provided a means by which to pursue a new career. Gloria is a single parent of a nine-year old daughter.

Gloria has worked on campus for three years — initially in the Child Development Center and subsequently for two years at the library where she is currently assigned.

She is pursuing a degree in communications with a theatre minor. Gloria has plans to graduate in December, 1990. She will then return to her home in Los Angeles in hopes of securing a position in journalism. Eventually, she would like to write for a notable magazine.

Gloria has stated that attending Carey has enabled her to meet a group of people who are willing to invest in her as a person and as a student. She feels that she has "mellowed" while at Carey and can now focus on things that are more important — being a mother, being a provider, being independent, and understanding the importance of a good education.

Student Support Services, according to Gloria, has always been there to help with problems — personal, financial, and educational. The program has given assistance with working out finances and arranging educational support including tutoring when it has been needed.

Tina Williams is one of those students any Christian College could be proud of having enrolled. Upon choosing William Carey as the place she wanted to attend college, Tina, a 19-year old sophomore from Pascagoula, not only had to make the usual adjustment of being separated from her parents, but from her twin sister Dina as well. Dina chose Mississippi University for Women to pursue her degree in Accounting, while Tina chose William Carey College because of its Christian education foundation.

Tina credits Student Support Services for helping her with advisement as well as being available when needs arise whether they are personal, career or academic.

Tina is an excellent student, having earned a 3.9 grade point average at the end of her freshman year. She came into the Student Services Program as a first generation college student who was undecided regarding what her major would be. Through career exploration, her involvement in BSU, and interaction with the religion department, Tina has decided on a religion major.

This career choice was enhanced by the opportunity to become involved with Carey's BSU Summer Mission Program. She served in Mesa, Arizona, along with two other students. Her responsibilities included teaching Vacation Bible Schools, teaching Sunday School, doing survey work for area churches, and working with children, youth and senior citizens. Tina feels the major impact of this summer work was learning "total dependence on God." After graduation from William Carey College, Tina hopes to serve God through the Journeyman Program and later return to seminary in order to become a career missionary.

Tina Williams has a strong, quiet faith in God, nurtured by First Baptist Church in Pascagoula. Late this Summer, I received a letter from her telling me she was praying for the College and for me as the new Interim President. The letter came on one of those days when we were all struggling to walk and not faint, much less run without being weary. It's because of students like Tina and Gloria that we continue to wait on the Lord, be strengthened, and ultimately mount up on eagles' wings again at William Carey. It's because of leaders like Tony Pascale, Hugh Dickens, and Brenda Waldrip that we are encouraged by example to assist student eagles in the techniques of soaring, and through the process of helping others we will continue to soar ourselves.



# MAD names Broadmoor member its Patron of the Year for 1989

By Anne McWilliams

The Mississippi Association for the Deaf (MAD) has named Mignonne Tadlock of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, its Patron of the Year, 1989. The award, an engraved plaque, was presented July 22 during the association's bi-annual convention in Gulfport.

Allen Graham, also a member of Broadmoor, is president of MAD, which will mark its 100th anniversary



Tadlock

in 1991. Cecil Davis, another Broadmoor member, whose wife Lois teaches the adult class for the deaf at that church, was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. Mrs. Tadlock, director of the youth department for the deaf in Sunday School at Broadmoor, has been active in the church's ministry to the deaf since its inception. In addition to teaching youth, she has been a "freelance" interpreter for the deaf, offering her services at many places — at church, in hospitals, and part-time at Hinds Community College, which has services for deaf students.

(Currently, Broadmoor has 22 deaf adults and 25 deaf youths enrolled in Sunday School, with around seven interpreters.)

In the beginning, Mrs. Tadlock's interest in work with the deaf was stirred when she heard Jerry St. John, then

with Cooperative Missions, MBCB, speak in a WMU meeting about the need in that area. Before the deaf ministry at Broadmoor began, she would go to the deaf school in Jackson to assist in meetings of the Christian Youth Society there. She learned the sign language.

One Christmas a student from the deaf school spent the holidays in her home. Later, the student's sister, Rhonda, became the Tadlocks' foster child for two years. Because Rhonda had so many problems, Mrs. Tadlock said she realized the need in Mississippi for mental health services for the deaf, especially for counselors with deaf adolescents.

Mrs. Tadlock has done a great deal of counseling with the deaf; and she said she plans to take a course soon in counseling at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Jackson.

Growing up in Jackson, she was member of First Baptist Church, where her mother, Eolia Booth, is still a member. A graduate of Baylor, she is a member of the Mississippi Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and of COSD (Congress of Organizations of Services for the Deaf). The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is one of the organizations which has a representative with COSD.

Her husband, James, is director of evaluation for Jackson Public Schools. "Working with the deaf can be a demanding job, as well as rewarding," she said. "For that, we need an understanding family; my husband is very supportive of my deaf ministry."

## Carey hires intern

William Carey College has hired Darla Kling as intern for religious activities on its coast campus in Gulfport.

Kling, a recent graduate of the Mississippi University for Women, began her duties Aug. 15. She is leading the Baptist Student Union on the coast campus.

A native of Picayune, Miss Kling was a BSU summer missionary to the Philippines.

## Returning to roots

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separating the family.

Mary Pride, ex-radical feminist, has written an excellent book titled *The Way Home: Beyond Feminism Back to Reality*, which is an exposition of Titus 2:3-5. It is available from Crossway Books. America is returning to its roots, and one of the most important roots is traditional motherhood.

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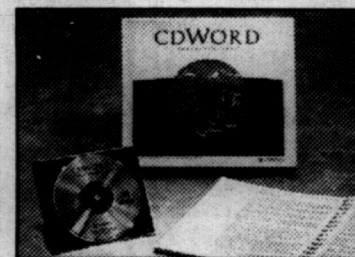
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Dorsey (Itawamba): Sept. 10-14; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., potluck lunch, noon; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Tommy Whaley, First, Shannon, evangelist; Terry Ramey, music; Jerry Estes, pastor.

Flag Chapel, Jackson: Sept. 11-15; 7 p.m.; Sonny Simpson, former pastor of Flag Chapel, preaching.

McDowell Road, Jackson: Sept. 10-13, Perry Neal, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music evangelist; Sunday services, 10:30 a.m.; 7 each night; Lowell Johnson, pastor.

Every family should have a crisis now and then, just to keep the older folks reminded how mature and responsible teenagers can be under pressure. — Wasatch Wave, Heber, Utah

## Homecomings

Colonial Heights, Jackson: Sept. 10; regular morning services, Sunday School, 8:15 and 9:30; worship, 9:30 and 10:45; J. Gerald Harris, pastor, preaching; The Talleys in concert at 7 p.m.; no admission will be charged.

## Music evangelist dies of cancer

Services were held on Aug. 4, at Calvary Church, Petal, for W. C. Rainey, Jr. 53, after a brief illness with cancer.

He was staff evangelist and minister of music at Calvary Church, Petal.

A 1954 graduate of Petal High School, he attended Florida Baptist College, Graceville, Fla., and served in churches in Florida, Mississippi and Georgia. As music evangelist, he served in churches in Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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# God holds us accountable, says Ezekiel

By Billy R. Williams  
Ezekiel 18:2-4; 19:24; 30:31

In this week's focal passage, Ezekiel, God's spokesman, confronted and condemned the attitude of the Jewish exiles in Babylon expressed by the proverb, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge" (verse 2). The exiles agreed with the premise of this proverb that though innocent they were being punished for the wickedness of their parents. Refusing to face their own guilt, the people were unrepentant. They not only blamed their problems on others but even worse, they also questioned God's justice ["... the way of the Lord is not equal (fair) ..."] (verse 29). There is a tendency for people today to refuse to accept personal responsibility, blaming their failures on environment, heredity, and circumstances.

God's people had to be made to face their guilt and be stripped of all pretext of innocence. In solemn oath ("As I live ..."), God assured the people that they would not have occasion to use this proverb again (verse 3). In the days



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ahead as God sent his judgments and his mercy, the people would be convinced of the justice of his way. Through Ezekiel, God then enunciated to Israel and to any person who attempts to evade his own guilt a once-for-all answer: each person is accountable to God for his own conduct ("... the soul that sinneth, it shall die", verse 4). God has the right to demand accountability from each person for he has sovereign claim over all ["Behold, all souls (persons) are mine ..."]. Likewise that right extends to every generation for his ownership applies to every generation ("... as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine," verse 4).

To stress the point that people are individually responsible and that neither iniquity nor righteousness is inherited, God through Ezekiel gave the example of three men — a righteous grandfather, his unrighteous son, and the righteous grandson (18:5-20). In all three cases neither the righteousness nor iniquity of any man was credited to the other men's accounts. In verse 19, the exiles, still attempting to justify themselves, raised again the question of transmitted guilt ("... doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father?"). God's answer was no!

Israel as a covenant people did share a corporate responsibility, and there is the truth of cause and effect — the sins of some bring suffering upon others. Nevertheless, God does not punish an innocent person for another man's sins. If the son walked in righteousness, God's promise was that he would "surely live" (verse 19) and that the father would die as a result of his own unrighteousness. Upon hearing the terms "life" and "death" the Christian immediately thinks of "eternal life" and "eternal separation" from God. However, to Ezekiel and the people of his day the terms were closely tied to earthly life and physical death.

In the first part of the chapter, changes in character between father and son were examined. In verses 21-24 possible changes of character, both for better and for worse, within the same individual are taken up with an examination of the consequences of these changes. First, there is the change within the wicked man which reveals that judgement is not inevitable. If the wicked man is willing to abandon the ways of sin and turn to righteousness, God stands ready to forgive (verse 21) and to restore completely (verse 22). The reason for this willingness to forgive is in the heart of God. He does not desire the wicked

man's death, but rather his repentance (verse 23).

In verse 24 God made it plain that past righteousness cannot be put to the credit of a person who later chooses a life of sin. This passage cannot be used to defend "falling from grace," for this is a matter related to those under the law and not under grace.

The punishment which had come upon the exiles was deserved — for they were guilty. God therefore issued in verses 30 and 31 a call for Israel to repent of their willful disobedience (transgression). He urged them to turn from their crooked paths (iniquity) which caused them to stumble (literally "a stumbling block of iniquity," verse 30) into further sin and into God's punishment and eventually into death.

This call to repentance is furthered by the earnest plea to become free by casting off the burden of these transgressions which comprise a heavy yoke of servitude (verse 31). The people are also exhorted to make themselves a new heart and a new spirit. Ezekiel knew that only God could create these (Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26, 27). However, a man can and must come to God to receive them. He can turn to God and let heart and spirit be renewed by God.

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# Balak calls on Balaam to curse Israel

By R. Raymond Lloyd  
Numbers 22:1-25:18

(22:4b-6a; 23:18-20; 24:10-11; 25:1-5).

Strange as it may seem, more than three chapters of the Bible are given to a major episode involving two persons, neither of whom are Israelites. Balak and Balaam are the primary actors. Israel is a passive figure in this whole story. God is in absolute control.



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**BALAK AND BALAAM** (22:1-6). Balak, is King of Moab, located directly east of the southern portion of the Jordan River. Israel had now arrived at their border, having overcome Arad, Sihon, and Og. Balak was in "great dread" (vs. 3), virtually scared to death, of this multitude who "cover the face of the earth" (vs. 5). Recognizing he would be powerless against such a horde, he appeals to a well-known soothsayer who was currently residing near the Euphrates River ("the River", vs. 5), a journey of 350-400 miles, to come and curse Israel.

Balaam is the soothsayer. His reputation must have spread far and wide. Blessings and cursings in the ancient Near East were considered concrete, objective, forceful, and ir-

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revocable. They are never thought of as just subjective words and ideas. Actually the force of an arrow is in the words. It is a reality. It is thought to literally penetrate the one to whom it is directed. Once delivered it brings to bear the power of God, or the gods, to destroy, or to help. (cf. the Jacob/Esau story). If Balaam cursed Israel, Moab and Balak would be safe.

**INVITATION AND RESPONSE** (22:7-20). These verses describe human nature to a tee. The messengers come to Balaam, who consults God and receives a clear-cut message that he is not to go (vs. 12). It is worthy to note that Yahweh God — both names used interchangeably in the story — chooses to reveal himself to a non-Israelite in order to accomplish his purpose (cf. Cyrus). Balaam refuses to go. So Balak sweetens the pot. He sends a more prestigious delegation and offers "great honor" (vss. 15-17). Balaam, so to speak, was given freedom to "write his own ticket" to come to curse Israel.

A great response is made (vs. 18). In essence he says, "I cannot be bought!" But then the old human nature makes itself known, and Balaam invites the emissaries to spend the night and he will give it some further thought. While verse

20 clearly states God gives permission to go, the broader context of the story would seem to indicate it was never God's intention for Balaam to go. Could it be that all this "great honor" appeared to Balaam to be God's will? How often we convince ourselves that because something is alluring, attractive, materialistically rewarding and personally satisfying, that God has put his stamp of approval upon it. How careful we need to be in determining the will of God.

**ANGEL AND ASS** (22:21-35). Balaam goes, but agreeing to speak only what God commands him to speak. God is angry because he went, and places the "angel of the Lord" in his way as an "adversary" (vs. 22 — "Satan" — probably not the proper name, but describing the function of the angel). The ass could see the angel of the Lord when the prophet could not and three times refused to go on, even though he was beaten by Balaam. Finally, the Lord "opened the mouth" of the ass who spoke out against Balaam. This is a great picture of Old Testament humor — a dumb donkey who had more spiritual insight than this soothsayer who was supposedly in touch with God. In reality it was this beast whom Balaam tried to kill that had saved him from death. Don't we sometimes get so obsessed with doing our own thing, we become blind to the warnings of God. Sometimes God may even use a strange mystifying experience to awaken us! Balaam is

humbled and offers to go home, but the angel commands him to go on.

**CURSING AND BLESSING** (22:36-24:25). When Balaam appears before Barak, he gives one of the finest statements of true prophecy to be found anywhere (vs. 38). Three times (22:41-23:12; 23:13-24; 23:25-24:9) from different high places overlooking Israel, Balak calls on Balaam to curse Israel. Each time, speaking only what the Lord put in his mouth, an eloquent blessing is given.

An angry Balak tries to interrupt him, but Balaam gives a fourth oracle (24:10-25). It describes a distant and mysterious figure who would rise to crush Moab (vs. 17). The star and the scepter are both symbols of royalty. While it may have fulfillment in David, this has messianic significance. If we consider Moab and Balak as representative of all earthly powers who oppose God, then this can well be descriptive to of the Messiah who will come and "must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet" (I Cor. 15:25).

The whole story has a tragic conclusion (25:1-5) in that the curse that Israel's enemies failed to bring upon her, she brought upon herself by becoming involved in immorality and idolatry with Moabite women and gods. Israel became her own worst enemy. Tragically we often are the same!

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# Relating wisely to others: love should be motive

By Randall L. Von Kanel  
Proverbs 3:27-30; 10:12; 15:18; 17:9; 19:11; 21:21; 27:4; 29:22

A wise person once said, "The most important things in life are not things." Relationships to God and to one another constitute our most prized possessions in life. Jesus admonished us to "love the Lord your God" and to "love your neighbor as yourself" as the supreme fulfillment of his will. As we consider God's will in the matter of life's priorities, surely relating wisely to one another in Christian love will be our goal.



Von Kanel

Continuing in our study from Proverbs on the subject of "Living by God's wisdom," we come to these several proverbs that provide practical pointers for building relationships of love and mutual concern. This lesson affords us the opportunity to examine our actions and attitudes toward those who are our "neighbors."

I received a call recently asking me to explain what Jesus meant when he said in Matthew 22:39, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The concerns of "Who is my

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neighbor?" and "How can I love my neighbor?" were implied in the questioning. My answer — a neighbor is someone you know in need; and, we love through meeting that need by God's enabling. The writer of the Proverbs speaks to the a contemporary issue of living in harmony with our "neighbors" in the world. We need a wisdom from above, God's wisdom, to wisely relate to others.

### I. Wisdom in Helping Others

In Proverbs 3:27-30, wisdom is found in being a helping neighbor to those who are in need. The sense of verses 27-28 is that we should respond promptly to the needs of others out of that which God has given us. An attitude of readiness is apparent as opposed to any reluctance to help. Someone once said, "You can tell a real friend when you call him in the middle of the night from jail. If he asks, 'Where?' he's your friend. If he asks, 'Why?' he isn't." God calls us to be eager to come to the aid of those in need.

Murray Kempton negatively said, "A neighborhood is where, when you go out of it,

you get beat up." Truly, in our "city jungles," the environs of the local neighborhood provide a relatively safe zone within the sometimes hostile settings of the larger city. The positive concept is that we assume our neighbors will help us, not harm us. The Proverbs writer (vv. 29-30) decries the ethics of doing harm to someone who is trusting you. As we live in a world of interpersonal relationships, we must do good to those who are living within our circles of influence. Even if we have been wronged, the wise response is to "speak the truth in love," confronting our neighbor with the need to remove any hindrances to a good relationship.

### II. Wisdom in Loving Others

Some people would rather fight than forgive and move on in love. This is not wise! In relating to one another, love always should be our motive and method. The focal text offers four proverbs to contrast and commend the wisdom of loving our neighbors. In Proverbs 10:12, 15:18, and 17:9, the writer shows the potential of healed relationships gained through expressing love as opposed to the widening divisions in personal relationships caused by hatred. Our objective in handling interpersonal conflicts should be to work through love and forgiveness toward a goal of reconciliation. Love fosters oneness. Continued strife and self-seeking only add to the

conflict.

### III. Wisdom in Respecting Others

In Proverbs 21:21, we are called to pursue "righteousness and mercy," to make it our goal in life to deal justly and mercifully with others. The prophet penned, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8) There is wisdom in this ethical challenge to respect one another as persons. The vices of jealousy and malicious anger are denounced as wrong choices for those who would live wisely with others (27:4; 29:22). When we set our goal to love others even as we ourselves want to be loved, surely we will find those fulfilling relationships with our neighbors.

Let us use wisdom in our relationships with those around us. Helping others, loving others, and respecting others as persons will go a long way in making our "neighborhood" a better place to live. As the Space Age continues to make our world smaller, our neighbors are literally being found around the world. Whether in an international setting or over our backyard fence, Jesus has called us to "cross barriers" with the gospel. There is no barrier between persons that cannot be crossed with the love of Jesus Christ.

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# Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams

## Bibles for the Garifuna

The Honduras Baptist Convention has named a three-man study commission to explore needs for evangelistic outreach among ethnic groups in that country. One of those on the commission is Stanley Stamps, Mississippi missionary to Honduras who is now on furlough and living in Jackson. Of the eight ethnic groups in Honduras, some are remnants of the ancient Mayan culture. Right now, the only two groups with whom Honduras Baptists have contact are the Miskito Indians in isolated areas on the east coast and the Garifuna, or Black Caribs, of the north Caribbean coast of Honduras.

With the Garifuna, Stamps coordinated a Foreign Mission Board Bold Mission project that included publishing and helping distribute a New Testament, Bible study materials, and a soulwinner's Gospel of John, all in the Garifuna language.

This project involved three missionary agencies — the Foreign Mission Board, SBC; Wycliffe Bible Translators; and the Baptist Missionary Association. The Foreign Mission Board helped with the funding of the project.

A Wycliffe Bible Translator who is a Baptist from Maine, Lillian Howland, revised the edition of the Garifuna New Testament which she had spent 30 years of her life translating, and which had come out in its first edition in 1983. On March 1 of this year, the second edition of that New Testament was presented in a church at Tornabe, near Tela, Honduras. The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso printed it.

The Baptist Missionary Association's missionary, David Dickson, is the only North American who speaks the Garifuna language fluently and can preach in it. He works with three Garifuna-speaking churches in the Tela area, near where Stamps works with Spanish-speaking congregations. Dickson is the only missionary working full-time with the Black Caribs.

### The Black Caribs

Saint Vincent Island, off the north coast of Venezuela, according to Stamps' research was the place of origin of the Garifuna, or Black Caribs. When a Portuguese ship loaded with slaves from Africa sank on a reef off St. Vincent in 1642, the blacks swam ashore. They intermarried with the Arawaks (original inhabitants of the island) and with Indians who had moved there from Brazil (Red Caribs). Thus the Black Caribs originated. Carib culture and language dominate, and black physical features prevail.

When the British obtained St. Vincent Island from the French in 1797, they deported the Black Caribs to

Roatan Island, off the north coast of Honduras. Many died on the way. From Roatan Island, the Garifuna spread onto the Honduran coast at Trujillo and to Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Belize. Mostly living on coastlines or rivers, the men fish and the women do a little farming.

The religious beliefs of the Black Caribs, called Dugu, are considered part of Santeria, which includes Macumba of Brazil, voodoo of Haiti, and Bembe of Cuba. Rituals are often dedicated to spirits of their ancestors. Ceremonies are marked by magic and spirit worship. Music and dances reflect religious concepts. Fiestas for the dead feature prominent drum beats.

Their language, a combination of Arawak and Carib, contains words and phrases of African origin, along with some French, Spanish, and English.

The Wycliffe Translator, Lillian Howland, I'm told, first in 1952 began work with the Black Caribs. She and Ilah Fleming analyzed the language and developed an alphabet. First, they translated the Christmas story, and ran it off on a little mimeograph machine. Next, they translated Luke and the Epistles of John. In 1965, Ilah had to leave, because of health problems.

Willie, Lillian's translation helper, then joined the work. His first drafts were so much more natural than her own that Lillian started over, using his translations as a basis for her exegesis. He ended up hand printing the whole New Testament into Garifuna. Lillian asked Garifunas who could read to check the Bible's language — old people, women, men. Finally in 1983 the first edition of the Garifuna New Testament appeared in print. On the day the Testament was dedicated, 13 Garifunas accepted Christ.

Now Lillian's helper, Roberto McDonald, working on a translation of the Old Testament, lacks only five large books and two smaller ones. The Honduran Bible Society possibly will later print it.

In the Garifuna New Testament project, Stamps and others working with him considered ways that the Bible and Bible study materials could be distributed. They dreamed of such things as radio spots and TV spots, distribution at fairs and festivals, and appointment of a missionary couple in the future who might work with the Garifuna in Honduras, Guatemala, and Belize.

In 1985, the film, "Jesus," was translated into Black Carib, the first ever film in that language. David Dickson has the goal of using the film as major witnessing tool in Garifuna villages. The newly translated materials could be of help in follow-up of film showings.

Literacy work is needed, too, to teach Garifunas to read the Bible in their own language.

## Re: Porn movies

TUPELO — The decision by Landcom, Inc., based in Jacksonville, to stop offering in-room porn movies in their seven Holiday Inns brings to 100 the number of Holiday Inns which have stopped showing the movies, according to the American Family Association.

The AFA which is promoting a boycott of Holiday Inns, says the motel chain is the largest distributor of in-room porn movies in the world.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

- Sept. 10 Single Adult Day (Fam. Min.-CT Emphasis)
- Sept. 10-13 State Missions Season of Prayer and Margaret Lackey Offering (WMU Emphasis)
- Sept. 11 Area Brotherhood Leadership Training; 7-9 p.m.; FBC, Coldwater/FBC, Starkville/Easthaven BC, Brookhaven (BRO)
- Sept. 12 Area Brotherhood Leadership Training; 7-9 p.m.; FBC, Hattiesburg/Calvary BC, Tupelo/Daniel Memorial BC, Jackson (BRO)
- Sept. 14 Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (CAPM)
- Area Brotherhood Leadership Training; 7-9 p.m.; FBC, Greenwood/FBC, Biloxi/Southside BC, Meridian (BRO)

## Revival dates

Parkway, Houston: Sept. 10-14; David Kendall, pastor; 7 nightly; Larry Hill, pastor, First, Lyman, evangelist; Paul Davis, First, Okolona, music.

Briarwood, Meridian: Sept. 10-13; Bob Followell, Carmel, Meridian, guest pastor; Thomas J. Wood, pastor.

East Moss Point, Moss Point: Sept. 10-15; services, Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Donald Cotten, evangelist; Randall Wells, music evangelist; Harold Anderson, pastor.

Pine Grove, Dumas: Sept. 10-14; Jerry Massey, evangelist; 7 nightly.

New Zion, (Leake): Sept. 11-15; 7 nightly; Ricky Moore, Pass Christian, Victory Church; guest speaker; Michael Harper, pastor.

Cliff Temple Church, Natchez, has recently called Gene Chelette as minister of music. Chelette is the former minister of music of Ridgecrest Church, Ferriday, La.

First, Mount Olive: Sept. 17-21; John Sapp, pastor of Success, Saucier, evangelist; Eugene Winters, dean, school of music at William Carey College, music; LeBron Matthews, pastor; services, each night at 7 p.m.

First, Richland: Sept. 10-14; Sunday, 11 a.m.; evangelist, Walter Ayers; music, Curtis Hatcher; 7 nightly; Sunday night, churchwide fellowship after service; Monday night, Sunday School classes recognized; Tuesday night, children's night for grades 3-6, with hot dog supper at 6:15; Wednesday night, bring your neighbor to supper, 5:30; Thursday night, youth night, pizza supper at 6; Allen H. Stephens, pastor.

## Homecomings

Highland, Crystal Springs: Sept. 10; D. J. Benson, former pastor, speaking during morning services; dinner on the grounds; afternoon services, 1:15; The Sonshine Trio from Monticello, special guests; special offering will be taken during morning worship service with proceeds to go into a remodeling fund; Vann Windom, pastor.

Union Chapel (North Delta): 50th anniversary, Sept. 10; beginning at 10 a.m., including reminiscences, a service, lunch, and singing after lunch; Claude Johnson, pastor, preaching.

Artesia (Lowndes): Sept. 17; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; Ben Yarber, preaching; Joe and Cile Pate, music; Regan Rye, pastor.

Friendship East, Charleston: Sept. 10; 11 a.m.; lunch after service in fellowship hall; 1:30 p.m., Laymen's Quartet in concert; J. G. Thomas, pastor.

Northside, Vicksburg: Sept. 10; 9:45 a.m.; R. J. Sanderson, pastor, from 1954 until 1956, now at Bunker Hill, Columbia, guest speaker; special music for the regular morning service will be by Johnny R. Jones; dinner on the grounds following morning service and a special memorial program; entertainment following the dinner will feature the Gospel Echoes of Brandon, Alvin Holman, the music director at Northside, Mike Bufkin, pianist, and other members of the church; known first as the King's Mission, the church received its charter in 1950 and had 65 members.

New Hope, Meridian, Sept. 10; services will be led by Benton Goodman, morning worship, 10:30, and James Gibson, evening service, at 7, both of these men were ordained to the gospel ministry at New Hope; dinner on the grounds will follow morning service.

## Names in the news

An ordination service was held for William Dennis Harris at Pachuta Church, in Clarke Association, on Aug. 13. The messages were brought by his father, Harold Harris Jr., and Grady Crowell, director of missions for Clarke Association.

Harris is a graduate of Clarke College, William Carey College, and Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He is married to Ann McPhearson of Stonewall and they have one son, Andrew Dennis. He has served churches in Wayne and Perry Counties, and is now available to pastor a church again.

Judson William "Bill" Hurt has accepted a call as pastor of Valley View Church, Vine Grove, Ky. Native of

Mississippi, he earned the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary in May of this year. In seminary, he was awarded both a Mississippi Baptist Foundation Scholarship and the First Church, Laurel Scholarship. For three years, he has been pastor of Sparta Church, Sparta, Ky.

Prior to seminary, Hurt, a graduate of Mississippi College, served two years as an admissions counselor at Mississippi College. He is son of James A. Hurt of Clinton, pastor in Mississippi for 38 years, and Mrs. Hurt.

"By the way, Bill, have you forgotten that you owe me ten dollars?" "Not yet, I'm a slow forgetter. Gimme time, and I will."

## Poplar Flat (Winston) to celebrate 75th

Poplar Flat Church, Louisville, will celebrate its 75th anniversary, Sept. 10-13. Speakers will be five former pastors, Levon Moore, Jack Wood, Danny Bryant, Eugene Dobbs, and Linwood Porter; and Mrs. Nella Dean Mitchell Whitten, a native of Louisville and retired foreign missionary. Olyn Roberts and Mike Childs grew up in the church and will give their testimonies. Caley Ray Nichols is pastor.

## Hermanville Church to celebrate 100 years

Hermanville Church, Hermanville, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sept. 10. Services will begin at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and worship services at 11 a.m. with the former pastor, John Espy of Monticello, to bring the morning message.

There will be a covered dish dinner after the morning services. An afternoon service will be held which will include gospel music, testimonies from former pastors and former interim pastors. A copy of the church's history will be available. Donald I. Pouns is pastor.

## Staff changes

First Church, Yazoo City, called William Lloyd (Stan) Stanford as minister of activities on August 15. James F. Yates is pastor.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanford of Clinton. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with degree in hotel and restaurant management and New Orleans Seminary

with a master of religious education with a youth specialist degree.

In the summer of 1988 Stanford served as a summer youth interim on the staff of First Church, Vicksburg, where he directed youth and children's work and recreation.

He fills the position vacated by Ken Hall who resigned in April to become minister of activities at First Church, Columbus.



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## Churches adopt expanded plan

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Annuity Plan since those reported in the Aug. 24 issue of the Baptist Record: Calhoun: New Hope; Chickasaw: Mt. Olive; Copiah: Springhill; Jackson: FBC Orange Grove and Temple; Jones: FBC Laurel; Newton: Conehatta; Simpson: Palestine; Wayne: Big Creek; Yalobusha: Camp Ground.